



Minutes Committee for Youth, Families and Community September 8, 2009

Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community Minutes of the Committee for Youth, Families and Community held September 8, 2009 at the Tempe Public Library Connections Program Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona.

MEMBERS Present:

Nejra Sumic, Community Bridges
Nori Cannell (representing Randy Lazar), Tempe Union High School District
Barb Fries, Tempe Elementary School District
Rae Godson, Tempe Resident
Joe Spracale, Tempe Impact Education Foundation
Rebecca Bond, Tempe Connections
Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council
Lynette Stonefeld, Tempe/Kyrene Communities In Schools
Ilene Dode, Tempe Resident/EMPACT-SPC
Tanya Aleman, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.
Vic Cordts, Boys & Girls Club of the East Valley
Maria Holmes, Association for Supportive Childcare
Amanda Hamm, Kyrene School District
Celeste Plumlee, Tempe Resident

MEMBERS Absent:

Sandra McNally, EMPACT—SPC
Alan Anderson, Checkmate Chess Instruction/TIE Foundation
Colleen Byron, Arizona State University
Mark Wertsching, Maricopa County Juvenile Court & Probation
Luis Morales, Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.

City Staff Present:

Kim Bauman, Community Services – Social Services
Tim Cox, Community Services - Social Services
Roni Alexander, Community Services – Social Services
Heather Penner, Police Department
Nancy Rodriguez, Municipal Court
Kathy Berzins, Community Services
Rick Rager, Municipal Court

Guests Present: None

Meeting convened at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Kathy Berzins called the meeting to order. Introductions were made.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes from August 11, 2009 Meeting

The minutes from August 11, 2009 were reviewed.

MOTION: Joe Spracale motioned to approve the minutes.

SECOND: Bobbie Cassano seconded the motion.

COMMITTEE CONSENSUS: Minutes were approved.

Agenda Item 3 – 2010 Arizona Youth Survey

Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools provided information on the Arizona Youth Survey (AYS):

- 1) The survey is conducted by the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission and is administered to 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students. The survey provides information on the prevalence of key health risk behaviors.
- 2) Participating schools receive a summary report that is not available to outside entities except through the schools. The data is compiled at the county level for an overall state report.
- 3) The AYS data provides critical information for needs assessments, prevention planning, grant applications, and outcome evaluations.
- 4) Tempe schools did not have high participation in the 2008 survey. The request was made to school representatives on this committee to work with their schools to increase participation in the 2010 survey.

Agenda Item 4- Recent Tempe Articles on Underage Drinking

Kim Bauman, City of Tempe distributed four articles on underage drinking that appeared in newspapers within one week.

- 1) The articles highlighted underage drinking enforcement and prevention efforts by the Tempe Police Department and Arizona State University, as well as the issue of underage drinking among high school students.
- 2) These articles could reflect a heightened concern in our community about underage drinking and its consequences.
- 3) Discussion occurred among committee members about the articles and the suggestion was made to contact the Warner Wrangler reporter who wrote the article on underage drinking amongst high school students. Lynette Stonefeld notified the committee that she had already contacted him.

Agenda Item 5- Keg Registration Ordinance Update

Heather Penner, City of Tempe, Kim Bauman, City of Tempe and Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools provided the following update:

- 1) Kegs are very common at parties where there is underage drinking. A keg registration ordinance requires a keg have an identification number and that identification number is recorded by the liquor store along with the purchaser's contact information and driver's license. If the keg is confiscated by the police at a party with underage drinking this enables the police to identify the purchaser of the keg and hold them accountable for supplying alcohol to underage persons.

- 2) A conference call on keg registration was facilitated by Pima Prevention Partnership on August 19th and consisted of representatives from communities who are exploring keg registration.
- 3) There was discussion during the conference call as to whether individual cities and towns could implement a keg registration ordinance in Arizona. The Tucson City Attorney's opinion is that a city cannot adopt ordinances or regulations that conflict with the provision of Title 4 and that the licensing and regulation of the liquor trade falls exclusively under the state statutes.
- 4) It was recommended that City's seek their local legal counsel's opinion if they are considering a mandatory, local keg registration ordinance.
- 5) Arizona is one of only 20 states that does not have keg registration ordinance. An effort in 2007 to pass a keg registration law at the state level was not successful.
- 6) There is concern that without a state law, or at a minimum a regional effort, businesses in cities that pass a keg registration ordinance may be adversely impacted as individuals may simply go to nearby cities without an ordinance to purchase the keg(s).
- 7) There is a hope that individual cities will be able to establish a keg registration ordinance and over time the support will grow for a state-wide ordinance similar to what occurred with the tobacco ordinance.
- 8) A voluntary keg registration is being explored by Tucson and so far they have met little resistance from merchants.
- 9) The keg registration subcommittee plans to continue to move forward and explore the feasibility of an ordinance.

Agenda Item 6- Subcommittee Updates

Bobbie Cassano, Tempe Community Council provided the following update:

- 1) There is still a need for participants on the three subcommittees. A sign-up sheet was distributed to members.
- 2) The Marketing Subcommittee met today and is responsible for implementing the youth logo, t-shirt, and video contests. The following was determined:
 - The logo selected in the first contest will become the symbol of the coalition and its efforts to reduce underage drinking and substance abuse in Tempe.
 - The logo contest will be open to youth in grades 6th through 12th who reside in Tempe and/or go to school in Tempe. The deadline to submit logos will be December 1, 2009.
 - The marketing subcommittee will screen all submittals to ensure they meet the contest criteria and the final logo will be selected by youth judges.

Agenda Item 7 – Committee Chair & Vice Chair

Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools provided the following update:

- 1) Descriptions of the Chair and Vice Chair positions have been distributed to members. Responsibilities include convening meetings and acting as a spokesperson for the committee.
- 2) We have received interest from one community member and are looking for one more member before finalizing the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

Agenda Item 8 – Communities for Kids Update

Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools announced the “Don’t Wait to Educate” series will be held at Nevitt, Aguilar, and Wood Elementary Schools and at Compadre High School. These free classes for parents of children age zero to five are provided in English and Spanish. Free child care is provided and attendees receive a certificate from Mayor Hallman upon completion of the series.

Agenda Item 9 – Teen Resource Center

Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools provided the following update:

- 1) The Teen Resource Center has experienced phenomenal community support and is the first school based resource center specifically for teens.
- 2) The Center is staffed by volunteers and is currently open on the Evans/Compadre campus Tuesdays and Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- 3) The Center is for middle and high school students. Students are only asked to submit their first name and the school they attend. They may enter the center through an outside door rather than go through the school administration offices.
- 4) The Center receives weekly Buffalo Exchange donations and also donations from school and community organization drives.

Agenda Item 10 – Other Grant and Program Updates

- 1) **Lynette Stonefeld, Communities in Schools** announced that through the City’s Magellan grant each high school in Tempe will be the recipient of the NPLB University Workshop “What Do You Really Know About Teens and Alcohol?” The workshop is for parents, and other adults. Teens may also attend.

Agenda Item 11 – Announcements

- 1) **Vic Cordts, Boys and Girls Clubs of the East Valley** announced the City’s Peer Leaders funded under the Magellan Prevention Grant are partnering with the Tempe Boys & Girls Club this Saturday on its Day For Kids. The event will be held between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and celebrates family time.

Agenda Item 12– Future Agenda Items

- Committee Chair & Vice Chair
- Please contact Kim Bauman for future agenda items.

The committee’s next meeting will be on **October 13, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Kim Bauman

Kathy Berzins, Chair